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1. SUMMARY: NEGOTIATING SESSIONS LAST WEEK AGAIN FAILED TO BRING TO AN END TO NICARAGUA'S NATIONWIDE HOSPITAL STRIKE. THERE WERE SIGNS, HOWEVER, THAT SOME BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT TO END THIS EXTENDED LABOR CONFLICT, NOW IN ITS SEVENTH WEEK, MAY GROW OUT OF THE CONTINUED DIALOGUE.

2. AS AGREED ON APRIL 16, ONE ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERNS AND RESIDENTS WAS CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL WITH THE LOCAL HOSPITAL BOARDS AFTER WHICH TALKS WILL CONTINUE AT A NATIONAL LEVEL. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON SEVERAL POINTS IN THE NURSES AND HOSPITAL WORKERS NEGOTIATING SESSION ON APRIL 19. AN ESPECIALLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE APPEARS NEAR RESOLUTION WITH A PLAN FOR KEEPING
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PERSONNEL ON THE PAYROLL WHO WERE HIRED TO REPLACE STRIKERS

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WITHOUT DISPLACING THOSE WORKERS WHO WENT OUT ON STRIKE. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WILL BE NEEDED AT ANY RATE WHEN THE NEW USAID-FINANCED HOSPITALS OPEN LATER THIS YEAR.

3. SUPPORTERS OF THE STRIKE ARE INCREASING PRESSURE FOR A SETTLEMENT. MEMBERS OF SCAAS, THE POWERFUL COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION, HAVE CALLED SYMPATHY STRIKES OF LIMITED DURATION IN MASAYA AND LEON WITH MORE PROMISED IN MANAGUA. TAKING A PAGE FOR THE STUDENTS' SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN TO FREE "POLITICAL" PRISONERS, SEVERAL HOSPITAL WORKERS ARE STAGING A HUNGER STRIKE IN A MANAGUA CHURCH TO LAST UNTIL THE STRIKE IS SETTLED.

4. THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED LABOR CONFIDERATION, CGT-I, AND THE SOCIAL CHRISTIANS' NATIONAL CONFEDERATION, CTN, HAVE DECLARED THEIR INTENTION TO FORM A UNITED FRONT ORGANIZATION IN SUPPORT OF THE STRIKE. THESE TWO GROUPS HAVE COORDINATED STRATEGY DURING THE HOSPITAL STRIKE BUT FORMALIZING THE ARRANGEMENT TAKES THIS ALLIANCE A STEP FURTHER. THE CGT-I AND SCAAS IN PARTICULAR HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN COLLECTING MONEY AND FOOD FOR THE STRIKERS. THE CAMPAIGN TO FUND SOUP KITCHENS FOR THE HOSPITAL WORKERS HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THEIR BEING ABLE TO HOLD OUT SO LONG.

5. COMMENT: PROSPECTS ARE THAT THE STRIKE WILL CONTINUE AT LEAST FOR ANOTHER WEEK. THE MAJOR STICKING POINT HAS BEEN MANAGEMENT'S REFUSAL TO GO BEYOND ITS OFFER OF A 15 PERCENT BASIC SALARY INCREASE, ALTHOUGH IT HAS OFFERED A 25 PERCENT INCREASE FOR INTERNS AND DOCTORS WORKING ON AN HOURLY BASIS. THE WORKERS HAVE PARED THEIR DEMANDS DOWN TO 45 PERCENT. MANAGEMENT'S WILLINGNESS, HOWEVER, TO ACCEDE TO MANY OF THE OTHER DEMANDS OF THE MEDICAL WORKERS LEADS MOST OBSERVERS TO CONCLUDE THAT A SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE AS LONG AS THE DIALOGUE CONTINUES.
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